

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 2, line 22:

Figure 1d depicts a detail of an embolectomy device 300.

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21.

Figure 1d depicts a detail of the distal device 304 of Fig. 1a. The distal region of the wire forming distal device 304 has a width perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the lumen of catheter 302 which varies along its length. The distal region proximal of the distal tip has a width “A”, which is nominally the diameter, or other transverse dimension, of the wire in the distal region. The distal tip has a first proximal width “B”, which is greater than the width “A”, and a second width “C” distal of the first proximal width “B” which is less than that of the first proximal width “B”. The distal region has a proximal taper 322 and a distal taper 324 created in part by the differences in widths “A” vs. “B” and “B” vs. “C”, respectively. In some embodiments, the distal taper may be more gradual than the proximal taper. In some other embodiments, distal taper may be at least twice as long as the proximal taper. In yet other embodiments, the transition between distal region width “A” and first proximal width “B” may be abrupt. The wire forming a taper may be somewhat curved.